



**COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE**

**City of San Diego  
Sixth District**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 9, 2009

**TO:** Mayor Jerry Sanders  
Jay Goldstone, COO  
Mary Lewis, CFO

**FROM:** Councilmember Donna Frye  
Councilmember Marti Emerald  
Councilmember Todd Gloria  
Councilmember Carl DeMaio

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**SUBJECT:** City Contracts Transparency

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A significant amount of each year's proposed budget consists of contracts with private businesses for various services. Typically, these contracts are shrouded within department budgets under line items titled, "other supplies and services." This catch-all phrase fails to provide the City Council and the public with even a vague idea of where our precious tax dollars are going and why. As we begin the FY 2011 budget discussions, please provide a summary for each contract within each department's budget – a clear and concise description of the service being provided. This greater level of transparency is vital as we work toward solving the city's current budget crisis.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter.

CC : Honorable City Councilmembers  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

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